

SENATE RESOLUTION 229

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Jane Alderson upon being named the 2017 Woman of the Year by the Jackson Rotary Club.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this legislative body to acknowledge and applaud those public-spirited individuals who devote themselves to serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jane Alderson, who was named the 2017 Woman of the Year by the Jackson Rotary Club at a ceremony held on February 21, 2018, at First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, with this honor, Ms. Alderson joins a list of many women she has long admired; the ceremony was made all the more special by a surprise visit from her two daughters, Allison DeMarcus and Amy Otto, who traveled from Nashville to support their mother on this special occasion; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alderson is the long-time executive director of the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant, which has benefited greatly from her acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during Jane Alderson's tenure as executive director, Tennessee has had six top-fifteen finishes in the Miss America pageant; she is affectionately known by Miss Tennessee contestants as "Mama Jane"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alderson is a native of Bemis; she graduated as the valedictorian of her class at South Side High School and went on to earn her degree from Union University; and

WHEREAS, Jane Alderson shared many years of love and support with her husband, Robert Alderson, who passed away in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alderson has volunteered her time and talents to organizations that have enriched lives, bettered families, and offered opportunities to others, all without ever expecting anything in return; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Jane Alderson, the Jackson Rotary Club's 2017 Woman of the Year, extending our best wishes for much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.